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# Security Officials Meet On Antiterrorism Plans

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PARIS, May 28—Top antiterrorism officials from the major non-communist nations met under extraordinary security precautions today in what was described as an intensified effort to increase cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

The gathering, organized hastily at French and West German initiative, was interpreted as a victory for the Reagan administration, which has pushed for such high-visibility antiterrorism coordination.

An antiterrorism official cautioned, however, that the new effort will be useful only if it leads to concrete steps such as more intelligence sharing in the field during the months ahead.

"We have participated in what we hope is the first of a series of such meetings," said Attorney General Edwin Meese III, who led the U.S. delegation.

"The trend is going in the right direction," added Paul Bremer, the State Department's ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism.

The French Interior Ministry was cordoned off several blocks away for the meeting and national police armed with rifles patrolled surrounding streets. News agencies in Paris received letters this week threatening a "hot summer" of terrorist bombs for France, leading authorities to post 2,000 extra police in the capital and reinforce controls in trains and airports.

The letters were signed by the Committee for Solidarity with Arab and Middle East Political Prisoners, the same group that took responsibility for a wave of 14 bombings here last fall. As before, they demanded the release of three convicted terrorists held in French

jails, including Georges Ibrahim Abdallah of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction.

The French interior minister, Charles Pasqua, said the antiterrorism meeting was not connected to the recent threats or the security alert in Paris. France and West Germany organized the gathering to stimulate intelligence-sharing and other assistance among the industrialized world's police and intelligence agencies fighting terrorism, he said.

Pasqua noted, for example, that France signed cooperation accords for the fight against terrorism with West Germany last October and with Italy last April. The French security minister, Robert Pandraud, travels to Madrid on Friday to conclude a similar agreement with Spain, he added.

In addition, Pasqua said, the United States loaned specialists and equipment to France this week to help locate a cache of explosives buried in a trashcan in the Fontainebleau forest outside Paris. Authorities believe the explosives were hidden by terrorists connected to the Committee for Solidarity, perhaps for use in future attacks.

Pasqua did not explain why France apparently has abandoned its earlier reluctance to get involved in broad international antiterrorism efforts. France rejected a U.S. suggestion last January that the major noncommunist governments gather in Rome to discuss steps against terrorism and hostage-taking.

Meese said officials at today's meeting did not discuss a longstanding Reagan administration desire to set up multilateral intelligence-sharing agreements among the world's noncommunist nations. But this could be "one of the byproducts of this kind of meeting," he added.

Meese said France and West Germany decided to convene the gathering now to pave the way for antiterrorism discussions at the annual summit conference of the seven major industrialized nations, scheduled next month in Venice.

Top security officials of those nations—France, West Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan, Britain and the United States—attended today's strategy session, along with representatives of Belgium and Denmark. ~~the current and future European Community presidents.~~